

Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 Internship Program

Toxics and Pesticides Label Review Project

EPA Region 7's Toxics and Pesticides Branch, located in Lenexa, KS, is seeking a volunteer intern who is motivated, hard-working, and interested in helping the EPA protect human health and the environment. The volunteers(s) selected for this project will assist the Federal Insecticide Fungicide Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Case Review Officers in determining whether pesticide product labels collected in the field are compliant with those that have been accepted by the Agency through the product registration process.

This project will involve accessing Agency data systems and frequent interactions with Headquarters' Offices of Pesticide Programs and Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, as well as with Region 7 Case Review Teams. In addition to identifying pesticide labeling differences, the volunteer(s) will develop a system to track and analyze data regarding the labeling differences in an easily mineable format and instruct others in its use. Volunteers will also prepare a written report summarizing their findings. This information will be used to facilitate enforcement targeting and identify trends of regulatory significance to inform the pesticide registration process.

Requirements:

Applicants must be:

- Enrolled at least half-time in an accredited trade school, technical or vocational school, junior or community college, four-year college or university, or any other accredited educational institution.

Note: Students must be enrolled and show proof of enrolment for the fall semester or during the summer if volunteering during the summer. If volunteering during winter break, the student must be enrolled and show proof of their enrolment for the spring semester. Students are eligible to participate during the school year if available and enrolled at least half time.

Time commitment:

Negotiable up to 40 hours per week for 6 months. Scheduling and start date are flexible and are based upon the students availability.

Desired Qualifications and Skills:

- Field of Study: Environmental Studies/Environmental Science, Agriculture, Engineering, and/or Law
- Strong Computer Skills
- Well-rounded Written, Oral, and Interpersonal Communication Skills

- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving Skills
- Good Attention to Detail
- Competent Literacy Skills
- Ability to Follow Instructions

Applicants should be competent at internet navigation, spreadsheet editing, database editing and reporting, and word processing. Software with which applicants should be familiar include Microsoft Access, Excel, Word and Adobe Acrobat.

What will be learned?

The volunteer(s) will have the unique opportunity to gain a broad understanding of the FIFRA with specific emphasis on pesticide registration and labeling requirements. Through this experience, the volunteer(s) will provide valuable support to experienced Agency scientists and engineers in achieving the mission of protecting human health and the environment through the regulation of pesticides. Volunteer(s) will gain valuable experience working within federal/state partnerships and learn how to integrate field level information into regulatory decision-making.

Compensation:

This volunteer internship is unpaid; however, the EPA will provide you the required tools and equipment to complete the project. Volunteer interns may be eligible for subsidy reimbursement for the use of public transportation.

Benefits of EPA Internships:

- You will have an opportunity to work with scientific, environmental, and government experts responsible for protecting human health and the environment.
- You will learn about how the federal government operates and have the opportunity to participate first-hand in important and meaningful work products.
- You will participate in an EPA orientation session, have the opportunity to attend training sessions known as brown-bags, and receive an EPA mentor/coach.

How to Apply:

To apply to this volunteer internship opportunity, e-mail the following information to R7internships@epa.gov by **June 24, 2014**:

Students

Cover letter (including dates, hours, and duration available)

Resume

Proof of Enrollment (please see the Requirements section for more information)

Transcript

Letter from School verifying that opportunity will further the intern's education goals

If you need a reasonable accommodation due to a disability in order to apply for this position, please contact R7internships@epa.gov.

This volunteer opportunity will be open until **June 24, 2014**, but may close sooner depending on the quantity of applications received. Applicants selected for the position or for an interview will be notified.